

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

(By Senator Hall)

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Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the cost-effectiveness of transporting West Virginia's excess animal population to other states.

Whereas, Overpopulation of domestic animals is a problem in West Virginia and creates a financial burden on the counties of the state; and

Whereas, West Virginia seeks a more cost-effective and humane system than its current one for addressing its domestic animal overpopulation within its borders; and

Whereas, Many states, particularly northeastern states, have the capacity and willingness to absorb some of West Virginia's animal overpopulation; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the cost-effectiveness of transporting West Virginia's excess animal population to other states; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the study conducted by the Joint Committee on Government and Finance specifically evaluate options for animal transportation including, but not limited to, use of

1 shelter employees employed by counties of West Virginia, use of
2 volunteers and use of transporters from potential receiving states;
3 and, be it

4 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
5 Finance explore the possibility of defraying the costs of the
6 program through public or private sector grants or funding; and, be
7 it

8 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
9 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on
10 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts
11 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;
12 and, be it

13 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
14 study, to prepare a report and to draft legislation be paid from
15 legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and
16 Finance.